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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Preliminary Amendment

Sir/Madam:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application filed herewith as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the first paragraph on the first page, line 5, after "This application" add – is a division of Application Serial No. 09/129,687 filed August 5, 1998, which --.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claim 2, line 2, before “cellulose triacylate” insert – and --; and in line 3 delete “and ethyl cellulose”.